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S E C R E T USDEL 853/74. FOR CHAIRMAN. USNMR FOR
GENERAL GOODPASTER. USCINCEUR FOR GENERAL EADE.
USDOCOSOUTH PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL JOHNSTON.
USLOSACLANT/CINCLANT FOR ADMIRAL COUSINS
SUBJECT: MC MEETING, 26 SEPTEMBER 1974.

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE COVERS THE MEETING OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
WHICH CONVENED AT 1000 HOURS, 26 SEPTEMBER. THE CHIEF, FRENCH
MILITARY MISSION WAS PRESENT DURING DISCUSSIONS REPORTED IN PARA-
GRAPHS

2. (U) INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING. A BRIEFING ON CURRENT INTELLIGENCE
WAS PRESENTED BY THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, IMS.

3. (S) THE REDUCTION OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMED FORCES -
CONSEQUENCES OF THINNING OUT THE HAWK BELT (IMSWM-216-74, 18
SEP 74 (NS) AND SAHPE 1240.5/20-2-3/S53/74, 12 SEP 74)
DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM FORCUSED ON WHETHER THE DRAFT MCM SHOULD
BE RESTRICTED TO ONLY THE HAWK PROBLEM OR WHETHER THE DRAFT MCM
SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN, RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT ON THE
INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. THE NE MILREP (DIJKSTRA) SPOKE
FIRST AND ARGUED FOR THE FORMER APPROACH. THERE WAS NO SUPPORT
IN THE MC FOR HIS POSITION. IN CONCLUSION, THE MC AGREED TO
ACCEPT THE DRAFT MCM MODIFIED TO INCLUDE A NOTE SETTING FORTH THE
RESERVATION OF THE NE MILREP.

4. (S) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 57TH MC/CS MEETING
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A. PART I -- AFTER REVIEW, MC AGREED THAT NO SPECIFIC TASKING WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEFS OTHER THAN TO EXPEDITE ON-GOING WORK.

B. PART II -- (1) IN REVIEWING THE ITEM QUOTE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN EVENTS WHICH OCCUR OUTSIDE THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF THE ALLIANCE UNQUOTE WHICH CJCS INTRODUCED AT THE MC/CS, CMC (HILL-NORTON) RECALLED FM CARVER'S EXPRESSION AS TO WHETHER THE IMS MIGHT NOT STUDY A SPECIFIC PROBLEM, SUCH AS IMPLICATIONS OF REOPENING SUEZ CANAL. HOWEVER, CMC DID NOT THINK THAT THE CHIEFS HAD GIVEN THE IMS A SPECIFIC TASK. US MILREP (WEINEL) STATED THAT GENERAL BROWN HAD NO INTENTION OF INITIATING ANOTHER STUDY. CJCS WAS EMPHASIZING THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IS AN EXCELLENT FORUM IN WHICH TO DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING OF THE MILITARY ACTIONS WHICH A MEMBER NATION MAY BE TAKING IN RESPONSE TO A CRISIS SITUATION OUTSIDE A NATO AREA. HE HOPED THE MC MEMBERS WOULD TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROPAGATE AN UNDERSTANDING IN DETAIL OF SUCH ON-GOING MILITARY SITUATIONS. CJCS FELT THE MC WAS EMINENTLY QUALIFIED FOR THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND HOPED THE INDIVIDUAL MC MEMBERS COULD BECOME MUCH MORE INVOLVED IN CREATING THE DAY-TO-DAY UNDERSTANDING IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN A MILITARY WAY DURING CRISIS SITUATIONS.

(2) APPROACH TO ONCOMING MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND DARFT MILITARY APPRECIATION. IN REVIEWING THIS ITEM, CMC AND DIRECTOR, IMS NOTED THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE BEING ENCOUNTERED IN PRODUCING THE MILITARY APPRECIATION PAPER IN THE PRESENT COMPRESSED TIME FRAME. CMC EMPHASIZED THE EXISTENCE OF FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE IN VIEWS

EXISTING BETWEEN THE NATIONS AND HOPED THAT THE MILREPS WOULD BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE NATIONAL VIEWS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PAPER WHICH WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT. DEP UK MILREP (FROST) POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT DARFT IS VERY REPETITIVE, LACKS IMPACT, AND SUGGESTED THAT IT NEEDED SUBSTANTIAL EDITING, IF NOT A COMPLETE REWRITE.

5. (U) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(A) US MILREP CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MC, AMBASSADOR RUMFELD'S LETTER TO THE NAC DATED 27 AUGUST CONCERNING THE FY 75 PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT AND THOSE PROVISIONS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO NATO. HE NOTED THOSE SPECIFIC ACTIONS WHICH ARE REQUIRED OF THE SECDEF.

B. US MILREP REVIEWED BRIEFLY THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 18 OCTOBER VISIT OF THE MC TO REFORGER.

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